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Applicant : Paul M. Stull
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Examiner : Thompson, Kathryn
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office action of December 17, 2003, the response for which is due January 17, 2004. The Office action required a restriction of the application to claims 1-51 (Invention I) or claims 52-63 (Invention II). The Office action also required an election of a species directed to Figure 1 (Species A), Figure 5 (Species B), or Figure 7 (Species C) for examination.

Applicant hereby elects, with transverse, Invention I which the Office action defined to include method claims 1-51. Applicant hereby also elects, with transverse, the

species of Species A which is drawn to Figure 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-51 are readable on Species A, and that at least independent claims 1, 18, and 36 are generic.

Applicant respectfully submits that Species A and C share common features such as the balloon (22) and heat exchange unit (30) which are illustrated in Figures 1 and 7, respectively. Applicant further submits that it would not be burdensome for the Office to examine all three species in a single application.

Applicant respectfully requests early examination and favorable consideration of the pending claims. If the Examiner has any comments or questions regarding any of the foregoing, kindly telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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